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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled:

"Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered sub-item (a) of agenda item 115 at its 46th and 50th meetings, on 16 and 19 December 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/47/620) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/782).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.12

3. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December 1992, the representative of Spain introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.12.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.12 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this sub-item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/47/SR.46 and 50).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Council resolution 790 (1992) of 25 November 1992,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 46/193 of 20 December 1991,

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

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1/ A/47/620.

2/ A/47/782.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Having regard to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and referring to paragraphs 24 and 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 2/

Recognizing that, as a consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Forces,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that a voluntary contribution has been made to the Force by a Government,

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section II, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 3211 B (XXIX) the amount of 21,384,000 United States dollars gross (20,835,000 dollars net) authorized and apportioned in paragraph 14 of Assembly resolution 46/193 for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1992, inclusive;

2. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 18,206,500 dollars gross (17,718,000 dollars net) for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993, inclusive;

3. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 18,206,500 dollars gross (17,718,000 dollars net) for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

3/ Resolution 46/221 A.

4. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 7,500 dollars other than staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993, inclusive;

5. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 481,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993, inclusive;

6. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 911,000 dollars gross (841,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1991 to 30 November 1992, inclusive;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed 3,034,000 dollars gross (2,953,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1993, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 790 (1992), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

8. Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the surplus balance as at 31 December 1991 covering the period from 1 December 1990 to 30 November 1991 in the amount of 4,520,635 dollars, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered into the Suspense Account established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/13 E of 14 December 1978, until a further decision is taken by the Assembly;

9. Decides also to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

10. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 9 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".